

Securing America's Borders at Ports of Entry

OFO Strategic Plan Addendum (FY08 Update)

The 327 Ports of Entry (POEs) serve a vital function in the security and prosperity of our nation. In these environments, more than 20,000 Customs and Border Protection (CBP) professionals process people, goods, and conveyances entering and leaving the United States. Every year, CBP processes on average 417 million people, 128 million trucks and cars, and 25 million cargo containers at ports of entry. On a typical day, more than 1.1 million passengers and pedestrians, including over 678,000 aliens, over 242,000 air passengers, over 352,000 privately owned vehicles, and over 82,000 entries of shipments of goods are processed at the nation's borders. Each presents a potential risk to national security. To protect America from harm, CBP must detect and remove the people and goods that pose a threat from the legitimate annual flow of over 400 million people, 25 million cargo containers, and 128 million conveyances.

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2008, CBP processed about 31 million trade entries and collected duty payments totaling approximately \$34.5 billion. International trade is vital to sustain American economic stability and vitality. In 2008, U.S. exports totaled \$1.4 trillion¹. In 2008, more than 246 million visits were made to the United States by people from other countries. The U.S. travel and tourism industry generated approximately \$740 billion in revenue, employed more than 7.7 million people, and produced a payroll of \$186 billion². In FY 2008, more than eight million non-immigrant visa applications were received and nearly seven million visas were issued³. Land border ports still process the overwhelming majority of people, representing 73% of all border crossings.

In FY 2008, 41% of all U.S. imports arrived by sea		
Mode	Import Value	
Sea	\$934 billion	
Air	512 billion	
Truck	338 billion	
FTZ/Warehouse	372 billion	
Rail	109 billion	
Total	2.2 trillion	

FY 2008 came from the top five countries of import origin	
Value from Top	
Countries of Origin	
Canada	\$265 billion
China	250 billion
Mexico	167 billion
Japan	108 billion
Germany	75 billion
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U.S. Imports by Mode and Country of Origin

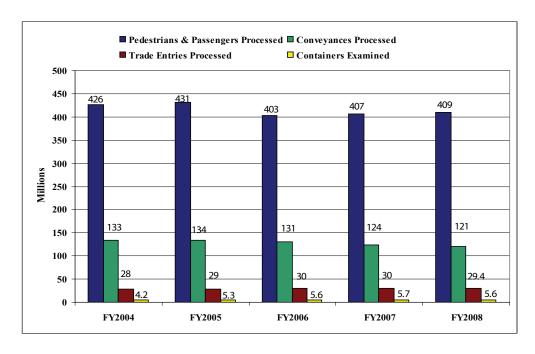
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- 1. Foreign Trade Division, US Census Bureau
- 2. U.S. Travel Industry Association
- 3. Non-immigrant Visa Workload, Report of the Visa Office



FY08 CBP Operations at Airports, Land Crossings, and Seaports

- Air CBP processes passengers and cargo at U.S. airports with international flights, clearing over 94 million air passengers and crew
- Land At land crossings, over 288 million passengers and pedestrians, and more than 121 million conveyances were processed at POEs located along 7,500 miles of land border.
- **Sea** CBP operations at seaports are largely comprised of, but not limited to, cargo processing. Over 26 million passengers and crew and 11 million cargo containers were processed at U.S. seaports.
- Trade Changing international commerce has affected the responsibilities of CBP. The U.S. trade deficit illustrates our national dependence on global trade. In late 2008, the nation's international deficit was \$56.5 billion, with imports of goods, including industrial supplies, exceeding U.S. exports⁴.



Passenger Volume, Conveyances, Trade and Container Exams FY04-FY08

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4. Foreign Trade Division, US Census Bureau